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AMCONSUL KADUNA

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SUBJ: AIR FORCE BAND TOUR

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1. IDEA PROPOSED TOUR USAF BAND AND SINGING SERGEANTS VERY APPEALING. HOPEFULLY, IF TOUR BECOMES REALITY, WE COULD TIE IT IN WITH A BI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AND, IF TOUR COULD BE EXTENDED TWO MORE DAYS, AS PART OF OBSERVANCE ANNIVERSARY ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY, FEBRUARY 12. (IF THERE SHOULD BE CHANCE HAVING TOUR TAKE PLACE ENTIRELY IN FEBRUARY BOTH LINCOLN AND WASHINGTON BIRTHDAYS COULD BE WORKED INTO BAND SCHEDULE.)

2. SUGGEST BAND TENTATIVELY PLAN ON THREE OR FOUR DAYS NIGERIA, PERHAPS WORKING IN ONE PERFORMANCE KADUNA OR IBADAN. CONCERTS COULD BE HELD ON ONE OF NEW OUTDOOR STADIUMS, POSSIBLY IN BLACK ARTS THEATER (ALTHOUGH ITS OPENING FOR PRESENT MUST AWAIT DECISION CONCERNING RESCHEDULING FESTAC), OR INDOOR

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SPORTS ARENA. WEATHER WILL BE HOT DURING TIME FRAME PROPOSED

VISIT BUT LIKELIHOOD OF RAIN LESS AS IT WILL BE DRY SEASON.

3. WE WOULD REQUIRE FMG APPROVAL BAND VISIT BEFORE FINALIZING
NIGERIAN SEGMENT TOUR. INITIAL, INFORMAL SOUNDINGS ARE
AFFIRMATIVE. WITH FMG APPROVAL BAND VISIT, NIGERIAN ARMED
FORCES AND GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE PERSUADED HELP EMBASSY ARRANGE
TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMODATIONS, WHICH WILL BE MAJOR PROBLEMS
IN THIS OVERCROWDED BUT EXCITING CITY.
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